

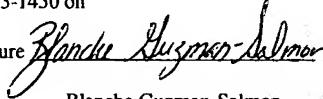
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PARENT APPLICATION
FILED : September 29, 2000
FOR : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR RACK MOUNT
SYSTEM MID-PLANE INTERCONNECT USING
SWITCHED TECHNOLOGY
GROUP ART UNIT : 2181
EXAMINER : TBA

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 19, 2003, kindly cancel claims 1-22 and 30-31 (Group I), in this Divisional application leaving claims 32-33, (Group II), prior to calculating fees.

Applicant elected to prosecute cancelled claims 1-22 and 30-31 in the parent application and file this Divisional application to prosecute the remaining claims 32-33. This application claims benefit of the September 29, 2000, filing date of the above-mentioned parent application.

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